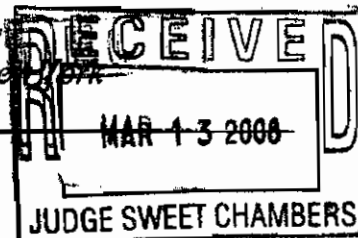




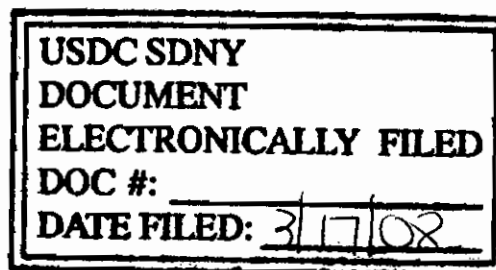
U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York86 Chambers Street  
New York, New York 10007

March 13, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE

Hon. Robert W. Sweet  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1920  
New York, NY 10007



Re: Chen v. USCIS Nebraska Service Center,  
08 Civ. 154 (RWS)

Dear Judge Sweet:

I write respectfully to request a sixty-day extension of time, from March 14 to May 13, to respond to the complaint in the above-referenced civil action. This is the Government's first request for an extension.

This is a mandamus action involving four plaintiffs: Zhumei Chen, Hao Lin, Hong Gui Chi and Yao Xu.\* Each plaintiff seeks an order compelling Citizenship and Immigration Services ("CIS") to adjudicate his or her application for adjustment of status.

After the complaint was filed, this Office was informed by CIS that the applications of three of the plaintiffs, Zhumei Chen, Hao Lin and Hong Gui Chi, were adjudicated and, in fact, granted. CIS has further informed me that although plaintiff Yao Xu's application remains pending, it is attempting to adjudicate her application in an expedited manner. Accordingly, we request a sixty-day extension of time to provide CIS additional time to adjudicate Yao Xu's adjustment application, which would render this case moot. Plaintiff's counsel, Alfred Liu, consents to this request.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

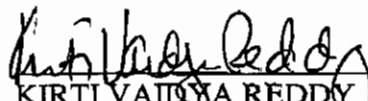
*S. Sweet*  
*Placed in USDC*  
*3.13.08*

\* Zhumei Chen is the mother of Hao Lin. Hong Gui Chi and Yao Xu appear to be unrelated to any of the plaintiffs.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL J. GARCIA  
United States Attorney for the  
Southern District of New York

By:

  
KIRTI VAIDYA REDDY  
Assistant United States Attorney  
(212) 637-2751

cc: Alfred Lui, Esq. (via facsimile)